

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD BEFORE THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
MAY 19, 2010**

A public hearing was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call.

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Council members:	
John Schroeder	Present
David Prectel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the hearing, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance; therefore, there was a quorum for the hearing.

Purpose. Mayor Schmitt said the purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens an opportunity to express their views on a proposed federally funded CDBG project for improvements to the Beaver Lake Dam.

A notice concerning the public hearing appeared in the Herald on May 8, 2010. A notice was also posted at City Hall and faxed to the news media.

General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave the details that led to this proposed project. He said an engineering firm has been hired to give a cost analysis to upgrade the dam so it will meet DNR requirements and then they started looking for options to help with the funding. They are seeking grant money from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration [EDA] and from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs [OCRA] to help with the project.

Lisa Gehlhausen, Executive Director of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, said they would like to submit a grant application to OCRA by May 31, 2010. OCRA is awarding grants for "urgent needs" and "low to moderate income persons for development needs" and this project is considered to be an urgent need project. The estimated cost for the Beaver Lake Dam improvements

is \$2,785,800.00. The application seeks an OCRA grant for \$2,473,000.00 which would require a match of up to \$315,000.00.

Hauersperger then went through the preliminary engineering findings.

Mayor Schmitt said the Water Committee looked at several engineering options and chose doing it the right way not necessarily the cheapest way.

Mayor Schmitt then asked for public comments.

Water Committee member Douglas Schulte said this is a project we have to do, it is a mandate. The committee did a lot of research and had a lot of discussion on this matter and concluded this is the best route to go.

Mayor Schmitt said Patoka Lake is controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers. Beaver Lake is Jasper's water supply and we do not want to overlook the fact that it is important for fire protection and our water supply as well as flood control.

Mayor Schmitt then asked if there were any public comments. No comments were received.

Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Council member Randy Buchta and seconded by Council member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to close the public hearing. The motion carried 7-0 and the hearing closed at 6:54 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 28th day of June, 2010.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary